cated while furnishing their statement of accounts; if so, which competent authority reviews the correctness of costing;

(b) whether the Co-operative Sector is also covered under the Companies Act including the co-operative sugar factories; and

(c) if so, whether the sugar factories are indicating the costing of the sugar manufactured by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) The Central Government is empowered under Section 209(1)(d) of the Companies Act, 1956 to direct a company pertaining to any class of companies engaged in production, processing, manufacturing or mining activities for maintenance of proper books of accounts relating to utilisation of material or labour or to other items of cost as may be prescribed. Under this Section, the Central Government has so far prescribed forty Cost Accounting Records Rules covering 79 products including sugar. These books of accounts are subject to audit under Section 233B of the Companies Act, 1956 by a Cost Accountant as defined in the Cost and Works Accountants Act, 1959 who certifies for their correctness. These provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 are applicable to companies registered under the said Act only and do not apply to Co-operative Sector.

Marriage-related cases in Delhi courts

1619. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of marriage-related cases in Delhi courts has shown a sharp rise in recent years;

(b) if so, what are the causes thereof; and

(c) whether Government have set up counselling centres in accessible areas so that such cases can be resolved through negotiations and reconciliation rather than end in break-down of the marriages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The Registry of Delhi High Court has informed that there is a slight increase in the number of marriage related cases in Delhi Courts in recent years.

(b) The increase in institution of marriage related cases is due to various factors including increase in the population of Delhi.

(c) Section 5 of the Family Courts Act, 1984 provides for Association of Social Welfare agencies etc., for resolving the marriage related cases through reconciliation and Section 6 of the Act provides for determination of the number and categories of counsellors etc. to assist a Family Court by the State Governments in consultation with their respective High Courts.

Central Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India

1620. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many persons are nominated by the Central Government to the Central Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India;

(b) how many of them are officials and non-officials;

(c) what is the criterion adopted for the appointments of non-official members; and

(d) whether Government would consider to nominate non-Chartered Accountants, who are users of the serivces of Chartered Accountants as non-official members?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Section 9(2)(b) of the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949 stipulates that six persons will be